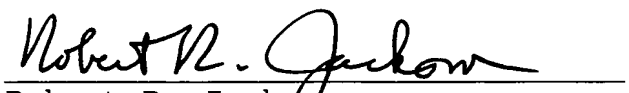
REMARKS

The specification is objected to for containing outdated cross-references to related applications. To address the Examiner's objection, the specification has been amended to update cross-references to other patent applications that have recently issued as patents or been abandoned. Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-3 are rejected for obviousness-type double-patenting. This Reply is accompanied by a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b, c), which obviates the double-patenting rejection. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the statutory disclaimer filing fee ($130.00; 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 (Order No. 000174-0123-105). Any other fees due in connection with this filing may also be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 (Order No. 000174-0123-105).

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-3 are allowable. This application is therefore in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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